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1. An almost entirely new staff will arrive soon for the USSR Embassy in Nanking and the Shanghai Soviet Consulate. Part of the new personnel will come with General Roshchin and part later. Moscow is convinced that a grave turn of events in China is imminent because of developments in the international situation and the probable intensification of the civil war during the summer of 1948. Because Moscow will require services of a military as well as a diplomatic nature, most of the new personnel from Moscow will be experienced in some type of military service. While serving as Ambassador and coordinator of this new military service, Roshchin will remain the actual head of the Soviet Military Attache in China, although Colonel Eshurin, present Acting Military Attache, will probably continue officially to head the Office of the Soviet Military Attache.

2. Although Acting Soviet Consul General Chernonobov was originally slated for service in the United States, it is now believed that because of his military training he will remain in China.

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3. Chernonobov called a meeting

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because of the dangerous international situation to advise local officials of the "lines to be followed" in 1948, the year in which the fate of the Communist movement would be decided. After a brief description of recent international events - which Chernonobov called "the preparation for war with the USSR on the part of the United States, Britain and France" - he said that many "incidents" might be expected to occur in 1948 that would disturb the relations between the USSR and China. He warned his audience of the urgent necessity of being prepared for any eventuality and said that the Soviet community must be organized and ruled with an iron hand.

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4. [redacted] the Shanghai Soviet Consulate has already prepared a plan for the evacuation of Soviet citizens from Shanghai if such action becomes necessary. The proposed continuation of the repatriation program is now cancelled or postponed until the arrival of General Roshchin, who is expected on the next trip of the SS. Smolny. It is more or less certain that a compulsory exodus of the majority of the local Soviet community will be ordered. Therefore, Chernonebov stated that those Shanghai Soviet citizens who have extensive business enterprises should begin to curtail their business activities. He requested the leaders to impress upon the local community the necessity of avoiding any incidents with the Chinese and of not interfering in case of violence or disorders.

5. Chernonebov proposed an emergency organization of defense blocks (precincts) of the local Soviet community - an organization so formed that "cooperation would exist among Soviet citizens on every street in a given block". From these block (precinct) representatives, district representatives would be chosen who in turn would select from their group representatives for the "central" organization. Chernonebov stated that it would perhaps be of value to copy the present Chinese "Pao Chia" system in Shanghai.

6. [redacted]

[redacted] the Soviet Government has decided to arrange a new repatriation of Soviet citizens from China sometime in May 1948.

7. Many Soviet citizens who were released from American and other foreign firms in China have already registered for repatriation. This group numbers approximately 400 from Shanghai and 600 from the rest of China.

8. Many Shanghai Soviet citizens are already "marked" for special service in Manchuria because Soviet officials now expect that the railways in the Northeast - from Manchouli to Vladivostok and from Port Arthur and Dairen to Harbin - will be restored and traffic will be opened under the joint supervision of Soviet and Chinese Communist authorities. Direct railway traffic between North Korea and South Manchuria will also be resumed.

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9. The USSR Embassy in Nanking has announced that Soviet citizens living in China must serve in the Soviet Army as do Soviet citizens within the borders of the USSR. The Shanghai Soviet Consulate has been ordered:

- (1) to prepare lists of physically fit Soviet citizens in Shanghai who were born in 1927-1928 and to prepare them for transportation to the USSR for the fall draft;
- (2) to prepare lists of Soviet citizens in Shanghai born between 1918-1928 who will be charged with a military tax in lieu of service in the USSR armed forces.

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10. I. P. Tikhomirov, new director of the Shanghai Branch of the Moscow Narodny Bank, has had no actual experience in banking procedures. Former Russian emigres in Shanghai believe that Tikhomirov is sponsored by Lozovsky / chief, Far East Informburo in Irkutsk / because he is connected socially only with Mrs. Chilikin, reportedly one of Lozovsky's favorites.

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